

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Monday, May 16, 2011

Committee Members Present: **Gary Cunningham, Chair; Jon Commers, Vice-Chair; Steven T. Chávez, Steven Elkins, Richard Kramer, Jennifer Munt, Sandra Rummel, Roxanne Smith, Wendy Wulff**

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Cunningham called the regular meeting of the Council's Community Development Committee to order at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2011.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Commers seconded by Elkins, to approve the agenda. **The motion carried.**

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2011 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2011-119 City of Crystal – Comprehensive Plan Update Public Hearing on A Proposed Plan Modification Metropolitan Council Review File No. 20598-1

The public hearing is open until May 25.

Phyllis Hanson presented the information on the modification plan to the Community Development Committee.

Should the Metropolitan Council find that the City's 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update is more likely than not to contain a substantial departure from the regional aviation system plan?

1. Adopts by resolution and transmit to the City of Crystal (City), Table 1: Required Changes to the 2030 Crystal Comprehensive Plan Update (*Attachments 1 and 2*); and
2. Notifies the City that it may not put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update (CPU) into effect until the CPU is modified as described in proposed action number 1 and the Council formally reviews the document.

Michael Norton, Attorney for the City of Crystal presented information to the Committee stating the Comprehensive Plan is not a substantial departure from other Comprehensive Plan Updates. Mr. Norton stated three areas of disagreement: First, the plan refers to closure of the Crystal airport, all statements are in the context of MAC's ongoing authority to operate

the airport, and they are not imposing the City's vision onto MAC, only if MAC makes the decision to close this reliever airport then the City's planning and underlying zoning will then have an impact on future. The City is well aware of their land use authority but does not see a conflict between local planning authority and regional planning authority. The City is taking no action to interfere in any aeronautical activities. The reference to an airport closure is due to the mention of closure in MAC's plan. If MAC makes changes to the airport, the City is ready. The second issue is the land use compatibility guideline requirements on the airport. If MAC makes changes, the city appropriately fills the void for planning and zoning. MAC owns and operates the airport. If MAC devotes land to non-aeronautical activities, acting as a developer, MAC would work with the City to determine an appropriate land use. Last issue is the noise, MAC's long term comp plans indicates closure of two runways and will conduct an environmental reviews and impacts to Crystal, the City does not have resources to develop this highly technical report, a compromise was offered and rejected, and other city's CPU's and alternative ideas have been accepted. Mr. Norton concluded this Comprehensive plan is not a departure and should be adopted by the Metropolitan Council.

John Sutter, City Administrator commented it is pre-mature to implement a land-use capability guideline for airport noise. Other cities' CPU's indicate land use guidelines are not adopted or land use capability guidelines apply for new development only and were adopted and accepted. No other cities have been asked to implement an ordinance similar to Crystal. Mr. Sutter believes the City of Crystal's Comprehensive Plan does conform and should be accepted by the Metropolitan Council.

Mr. Norton commented the City of Crystal's Comprehensive Plan Update is being singled out.

Bridget Rief, Assistant Director at the Metropolitan Airport Commission read a letter from MAC indicating the zoning of the airport and that the city can use their noise report for 2025.

2011-137 Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant to acquire 1 acre for Lebanon Hills Regional Park, Dakota County

Planning Analyst Arne Stefferud presented the staff report and proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

Chávez moved, seconded by Commers that the Metropolitan Council authorize a grant of up to \$442,763 from the Parks and Trails Fund Acquisition Account in the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Dakota County to partially finance the acquisition of the 1 acre Shadduck Trust Property (1286 Carriage Hills Drive) in Lebanon Hills Regional Park. The grant should be financed with:

\$157,238 from the FY 2011 Parks and Trails Fund appropriation

\$285,525 Metropolitan Council bonds

The motion carried.

The Committee discussed other parcels that remain to be acquired in the park.

2011-138 Boundary Amendment to Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park Master Plan and Amendment to Land Exchange Agreement for City/County Service Centers, Washington County

Planning Analyst Arne Stefferud presented the staff report and proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

Wulff moved, seconded by Munt that the Metropolitan Council

1. Approve the addition of parcels 10A and 10B to the Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park master plan.
2. Authorize the Regional Administrator to sign the First Amendment to the Land Exchange Agreement between the Metropolitan Council and Washington County shown in Attachment 3. **The motion carried.**

The Committee discussed the policy requirement that the regional park restrictive covenant on land proposed for the Cottage Grove City Hall and the Washington County Service Center could only be removed if land of equal or better natural resource value replaced it. Parcels 10A and 10B have those values and therefore should be eligible to replace the land for these non-park facilities.

2011-139 Change in scope of Grants SG-2010-095 and SG-2010-104, Winter Recreation Area at Lake Elmo Park Reserve, Washington County

Planning Analyst Arne Stefferud presented the staff report and proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

Rummel moved, seconded by Smith that the Metropolitan Council authorize an amendment to grants SG-2010-095 and SG-2010-104 which changes the scope of the grants by replacing reference to remodeling a barn for a trailhead with constructing a new trailhead facility for the Winter Recreation Area at Lake Elmo Park Reserve. **The motion carried.**

The committee had no questions.

2011-140 Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant to acquire conservation easement on 1.1 acre for Lebanon Hills Regional Park, Dakota County

Planning Analyst Arne Stefferud presented the staff report and proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

Wulff moved, seconded by Chávez that the Metropolitan Council authorize a grant of up to \$13,050 from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Acquisition Account in the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Dakota County to partially finance the acquisition of a permanent easement on the 1.1 acre Urban parcel in Lebanon Hills Regional Park. The grant should be financed with:

\$7,830 from the 2009 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund appropriation
\$5,220 from Metropolitan Council bonds

The motion carried.

The committee had no questions.

2011-141 Change in scope of Grant SG-2010-084, picnic shelter project at Keller Regional Park, Ramsey County

Planning Analyst Arne Stefferud presented the staff report and proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

Rummel moved, seconded by Kramer that the Metropolitan Council authorize an amendment to grant SG-2010-084 which changes the scope of the grant as described in this memorandum. **The motion carried.**

The committee had no questions.

2011-142 Resolution 2011-11 Supporting Participation in "*Anchoring Equity to Achieve Sustainable Outcomes*" An Event Planned by the Corridors of Opportunity Community Engagement Team

Chair Cunningham presented the staff report and proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

Smith moved, seconded by Rummel that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached resolution supporting the opportunity for the Council members and the Corridors of Opportunity policy board to participate in a discussion of racial and economic equity with national experts Angela Glover-Blackwell and John Powell. **The motion carried.**

Chair Cunningham presented the background and purpose of the resolution. While support was expressed by several Committee members for the opportunity to hear from these national experts on equity, an issue was raised by one member about the appropriateness of the Council acting on a resolution to support a specific non-Council event. The resolution was adopted with one dissenting vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled CDC meeting will be held on June 6, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Business completed Chair Cunningham adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary